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1. The amendment filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) entered.
- b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) entered in part. See explanation below.

As set forth in the reasons for allowance attached to the notice of allowability sent out in the prior office action, the combination of the controllable magnetic field in combination with a plasma at resonance and a fixed impedance, was a critical factor in the determination of patentability and removal of this limitation would affect the patentability of the claims. The amendment under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is denied and not entered for this reason.



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Attached is an initialed copy of the PTO 1449 form submitted by Applicant on 08 December 2003 and a response to an amendment under 37 CFR 1.312(b) submitted 01-10-05.

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